

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 7, 2010

In attendance at the meeting: Commission Members: John P. Chiota, Esq. Chairman; William S. Holden, Vice Chairman; Gail J. Hanna, Secretary; Russell Friedson, Daniel F. Schopick, Esq., and Paul Timpanelli.

Also present: Anthony D. Aquila, of 29 Valley View Road, Trumbull, Connecticut; and Attorney Robert F. Maslen, Jr. Esq., of Maslen Associates, PC, Darien, Connecticut, representing outside legal counsel for the Charter Revision.

Meeting Called to Order at 7:30PM

Motion to amend June 2, 2010 Minutes by John P. Chiota, Esq., seconded Daniel F. Schopick, Esq., as follows:

- Delete approval of the Minutes of May 5, 2010.
- Idea #14 should be deleted and should read as follows: **Independent legal counsel to represent the Charter Revision. The Chairman of the Charter Revision Commission to prepare the application for funding for the position.**
- Idea #15 should be deleted and should read as follows: **Outside Counsel should not be Town appropriation..**
- Idea #17 replace "Selection" with **Selectman.**

The Commission agreed that taping of future meetings would be helpful with the preparation of the minutes and would also be helpful with public awareness.

Per John Chiota, Attorney Schopick and Marilou Mangiamiele will review and edit previous minutes.

Proceeding with the Charter revision:

CHAPTER V.

Section 1. Transfer of funds.

Idea #34 - Section 1 heading should read Transfer of funds and supplemental programs.

Idea #35 - Page 23, third line from the bottom of the page. Change "less" to **other**.

CHAPTER VI. BOND ISSUES

No revisions.

CHAPTER VII. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Idea #36 - Applying to all Boards and Commissions, the appointment of alternates should be appointed by the Boards and Commissions not by the Council.

Section 1. Board of Finance.

Idea #37 - Board of Finance should have the authority to hire an auditor.

Section 2. Board of Assessment Appeals.

Idea #38 - Board should be composed of two (2) alternates – no more than one (1) from each political party.

Section 3. Board of Education.

Per John Chiota, William Holden and Daniel Schopick will edit and submit in writing new language for the Board of Education.

Idea #39 - Presently consists of seven (7) members. Board should be changed to nine (9) members. John Chiota will review with the Board of Education for a consensus.

Idea #40 - John Chiota discussed provisions from the Fairfield Town Charter with Attorney Maslen with regards to the consolidation of the Board of Education maintenance and the Town maintenance.

Section 5. Planning and Zoning.

Idea #41 - Majority limitations.

Section 7. Inland Wetlands.

Idea #42 - Delete the last sentence at the bottom of Page 27.

Section 8. Personnel Appeals Board.

Idea #43 - Can the Personnel Appeals Board be deleted?

Section 9. Police Commission.

Idea #44 - Delete the sentence: “*All promotions in the Department shall be made from within the Department except that the appointment of a Chief of Police may be made from within or without the Department.*”

The next Charter Revision Commission Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, 2010.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:00PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Marilou Mangiamiele, Clerk

